

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS;

1. A content reception and reproduction apparatus comprising a reception means for receiving a content through communication means, an accumulation means for accumulating said content received by said reception means as a main content, and a reproduction means for reproducing said main content, characterized in that:

an auxiliary content acquiring means for acquiring a reproducible content other than said main content as an auxiliary content; and

a content switching means for switching a content reproduced by said reproduction means to any one of said main content and said auxiliary content, wherein a content for reproduction is switched to said auxiliary content when the amount of accumulation of said main contents falls short of a predetermined reference amount during a reproduction of said main contents, and a content for reproduction is returned to said main content when said amount of accumulation exceeds said reference amount.

2. A content reception and reproduction method where a content is received through a reception means, said content is accumulated in an accumulation means as a main content and then said main content is reproduced, characterized in that:

after the reproduction of said main content is commenced in a state where a reproducible content other than said main content can be acquired as an auxiliary content, a content for reproduction is switched to said auxiliary content when the amount of accumulation of said main contents falls short of a predetermined reference amount during a reproduction of said main contents, and a content for reproduction is returned to said main content when said amount of accumulation exceeds said reference amount.